Richmond Oct 19th 1853

Dear Sir

I write these few lines to inform you, that my Aunt Mrs Van-Lew of this place has this day shipped, by the Steamer Pennsylvania, to your Care, a 5 gal demijohn of Alum Water, to be analysed in the most accurate manner regardless of cost . .

Her Son-in-law Dr Jos Klapp of your city will give you any details in relation to this water which you may wish. I will merely remark that the water has been used quite extensively here as a remedial agent with great success, and is prescribed by some of our principal physicians. The Spring has been recently discovered on her lot, is very copious, and apparently inexhaustible.

As we have had a long dry spell of weather, the water sent is not so strong

as that collected after a rainy spell, but I have never seen stronger water than it.

Please remember me to my friends around you

Yours truly
J Roberts Baker

To
Prof Jas C. Booth
Philadelphia

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